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Number of murder cases within the limits of the Vaithiri Police station.

* 388-B Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many murder cases took place within the Vaithiri Police station limits, Wynaad, Malabar, during the years 1951 to 1953; and

(b) in how many of them the culprits were detected and in how many undetected?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (a) & (b) Two murder cases were reported within the Vaithiri Police station limits during the period from 1951 to end of September 1953. In both cases the culprits were detected."

Postwar road development scheme for Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 388-C Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) the number and the names of new road works proposed to be undertaken under the postwar road development scheme in Jayankondan Constituency, Udayarpalayam taluk in the five years period 1953–58; and

(b) whether the selection of these works is done in consultation with the President, District Board, or the member of the Assembly?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM:—" (a) The first five-year plan of road development included in the National Five-Year Plan commenced with the year 1951–52 and will end in 1955–56. A statement [a] specifying the road works included in the Five-Year Plan is placed on the table of the House.

" (b) Works are included in the programme and taken up for execution with reference to needs. Selections are to be made by the district boards on this basis."

Issue of licences for stake-nets.

* 388-D Q.—SRI M. CHADAYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many licences were issued for holding stake-nets in Chirakkal taluk;

(b) how many such licences were given to Harijans;

(c) why a number of licences were given to one and the same person when there were petitions from others also for licences for stake-nets; and

(d) whether it is a fact that some of these licences were given for rent by those who had obtained such licences?

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 479 infra.

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Six hundred and fourteen licences were issued for holding stake-nets in Chirakkal taluk.

" (b) None, as Harijans in Chirakkal taluk are not engaged in fishing.

" (c) The number of licences issued to each applicant corresponds to the number of stake-nets held by such applicant at the time of introduction of the licensing scheme.

" (d) Specific instances were not brought to the notice of the Government. But on general representations received, the Government have since issued comprehensive rules prohibiting the leasing or renting of the licences."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is there any licence fee and if there is, may I know what the amount is? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI M. CHADAYAN :—" സർ, പ്രവൃത്തി അറിയുന്ന ആൾക്ക് നിഷ്പക്ഷനിലയിൽ ലൈസൻസ് വിതരണം ചെയ്യാൻ ഫിഷറീസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറ് ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർക്ക് കല്പന നൽകുമോ ? മലബാറിലെ ഹരിജനങ്ങൾക്ക് ലൈസൻസ് കിട്ടിയില്ലെന്ന ആക്ഷേപം ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിന്നു കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ ? കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനെപ്പററി ഗവർമ്മെണ്ട് എന്തു നടപടി എടുത്തുവെന്നു ദയവുചെയ്തു മറുപടി പറയുമോ ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If Harijans apply for licences, then they can be considered."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that one Karunan and other Harijans of Cherukunnu village in Chirakkal taluk, the place from which the hon. Member Sri M. Chadayan comes, applied for licences three times and that they were refused by the department concerned? Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to consider their appeal? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no information about that matter. If the hon. Member will write to me, I will have it examined. For the benefit of the hon. Member, I will read the rules which were issued in December 1953 :—

(1) No person can get licences for more than four nets;

(2) Poorer people will have preference over others; and persons having Rs. 900 per annum from sources other than fishing will not be eligible for licence;

(3) In the case of the death of the licensee, it may be granted to his son or to his widow as the case may be; and

(4) The licence will be liable to cancellation if the licensee transfers it or leases it to any other or habitually does fishing *in absentia* or otherwise misuses the licence."

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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Are the Government aware that the rule against sub-letting is circumvented by allowing somebody else to carry on and taking the profit illicitly? Would the Government take effective measures to stop this kind of racketing? " 9-10 a.m.

THE HON SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like the hon. Member to take some more interest and give me specific instances so that I may take necessary action."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The cases that I referred to were strictly within the ambit of the rules. Moreover, as a matter of explanation, I may say that I myself drew the attention of the Fisheries Inspector concerned to this matter and in spite of that, these people were refused licences because it is alleged that others were prepared to give some money."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is very wrong to say that others were prepared to give some money and all that. Very probably, the man's ire was roused by too much interference from Members."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Would the Hon. Minister be pleased to enquire into the matter represented by the Dharmatam Society who complained that there was sub-letting by another society to a man from Travancore or so, who was not a member of the fisherman community and that it was deriving illegal profit thereby? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like the hon. Member to write to me about this. Then I shall have it examined."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, I know that there are persons who are having more than twelve licences for stake-nets. Will the Government be pleased to inquire into the matter and issue orders that a single individual should hold licence for four nets only according to the rule? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I said that rules were framed only in December last. All these will be restricted under the rules."

Classification of prisoners in jails.

* 388-E *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether class I and II systems in jails has been abolished and class A, B and C system has been introduced as before and if so, for what reasons?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Yes. The class I and class II system was unsatisfactory. The classification of A, B and C is considered more satisfactory and just both to the prisoner and to society. The old classification ignored the nature of and gravity of the crime of